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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the Japanese Office Action corresponding to JP 2003-161104 and English translation thereof ("NPL document") listed in the Other Documents section in the IDS filed on August 6, 2008, in order to indicate that the NPL document has been considered and made of record.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that all of photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area is displayed in the selected display area. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that from among all of the photographed image data corresponding to the selected display area, the number of photographed image data to be simultaneously displayed in the selected display area is limited to a predetermined number. Still further, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that other photographed image data that is from among all of the photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area and that is not included within the

predetermined number, is displayed by changing the predetermined number of photographed image data simultaneously displayed in the selected display area, while maintaining display control of the first, second and third display control units, thereby continuously displaying the other photographed image data in the selected display area selected by the display area selection unit from among the given number of display areas on the display. See the disclosure throughout the specification and drawings.

Independent claims 23, 32 and 33 have also been amended in a similar manner.

With respect to the rejection under 35 USC 112, claim 5 has been amended to clarify that the "image display unit" recited at line 5 thereof is not a separate display component on the apparatus. That is, claim 5 has been amended to recite a "selected image display control unit" (instead of the "image display unit".) Claim 6 has also been amended in a manner similar to claim 5.

Claim 13 has been amended to correct a minor informality, and claims 7, 20 and 25 have been amended to better accord with respective amended parent claims.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and that the rejection under 35 USC 112 be withdrawn.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 20, 21, 23, 32 and 33 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US 2002/0140820 ("Borden"), and claims 11, 13 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Borden with one or more of US 2002/0033296 ("Rothmuller et al") and USP 6,118,480 ("Anderson"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

Significantly, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33, from among all of photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area, a number of photographed image data to be simultaneously displayed in the selected display area is limited to a predetermined number. And according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33, other photographed image data, that is from among all of the photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area and that is not included in the predetermined number, is displayed by changing the predetermined number of photographed image data simultaneously displayed in the selected display area, while maintaining the first, second and third display controls, thereby continuously displaying the other photographed image data in the selected display area.

Similarly, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 23, the number of photographed image data to be simultaneously displayed in each group is limited to a predetermined number, and other photographed image data, from among all of photographed image data included in each group and not displayed within the predetermined number of simultaneously displayed photographed image data, is displayed by changing the predetermined number of photographed image data simultaneously displayed in each group, while maintaining the display control of the first and second display control units, thereby continuously displaying on the display all of the other photographed image data included in each group.

On pages 4 and 6 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has cited Fig. 1 of Borden (reference numerals 14E and 14G) and paragraphs [0018]-[0021] of Borden as disclosing the features of the claimed present invention. However, it is respectfully submitted that contrary to the claimed present invention, Borden discloses not limiting the number of simultaneously displayed images in a selected display area of a display to a predetermined number. See paragraph [0018] and Fig. 1 of Borden.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Borden does not disclose or suggest the feature of the claimed present invention whereby from among all photographed image data corresponding to an image group of a selected display area, the number of

photographed image data to be simultaneously displayed in the selected display area is limited to a predetermined number.

In addition, it is respectfully pointed out that Borden merely discloses that the content being displayed at the upper left part of Fig. 1 thereof is changeable. And it is respectfully submitted that Borden does not disclose or suggest the feature of the claimed present invention whereby other photographed image data is displayed in the selected display area while maintaining the first, second and third display controls (claims 1, 32 and 33) or while maintaining the first and second display controls (claim 23.)

Rothmuller et al and Anderson, moreover, have been merely cited with respect to the subject matter of the dependent claims. And it is respectfully submitted that even if Rothmuller et al and Anderson were combinable with Borden in the manner suggested by the Examiner, any such combination would still not achieve or render obvious the above described features of the third and fourth display control units as recited in amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33, and the above described features of the second and third display control units as recited in amended independent claim 23.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 23, 32 and 33, and claims 2-7, 11-22, 24 and 25 respectively depending therefrom, all clearly

patentably distinguish over Borden, Rothmuller et al and Anderson, taken singly or in any combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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